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SUBJECT: SICILIAN PCI DEVELOPMENTS
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1. APRIL 1,3 PCI PROVINCIAL CONGRESS IN TRAPANI CONTINUED TREND
NOTED PARA. 6 REFTEL OF REPLACING NON-SICILIAN WITH INDIGENOUS PARTY
LEADERSHIP. IN THIS CASE, VALERIO VELTRONI - ASSIGNED FROM ROME IN
1975 TO DEAL WITH ELECTORAL SETBACKS AND SCANDALS AFFECTING TRAPANI
FEDERATION - WAS REPLACED BY CELESTE SELINUNTE, A LOCAL COMMUNIST.
2. AT APRIL 4-5, PCI - SPONSORED SICILIAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE
PARA 2, REFTEL), REGIONAL SECRETARY ACHILLE OCCHETTO CALLED FOR
"PHASE THREE" IN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT "CONFRONTO" BETWEEN DC AND PHAS
E ONE COVER
ED PACKAGE OF EXPENDITURES ADOPTED BY CENTER-LEFT

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PARTIES AND ENDORSED BY PCI IN NOVEMBER 1975; PHASE TWO CONSISTS OF
LOOSELY-AGREED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, COMMUNIST AS PRESIDENT OF
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY, ETC.). OCCHETTO MAINTAINED THAT SUBSTANTIAL
FUNDS VOTED UNDER PHASE ONE ARE NOT BEING SPENT PROPERLY AND
PROMPTLY. PHASE TWO HAS ALSO FALLEN SHY OF EXPECTATIONS BECAUSE
CENTER-LEFT REGIONAL GOVERNMENT LACKS ENERGY AND INITIATIVE.
3. IN OCCHETTO'S PLAN, PHASE THREE WOULD EXPAND PCI'S ROLE FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL WITHOUT NECESSARILY HAVING PCI
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ASSESSORS IN THE REGIONAL GIUNTA.
4. COMMENT: SO LONG AS NATIONAL DC REMAINS OPPOSED TO MORE ADVANCED
DEGREES OF "CONFRONTO", OCCHETTO'S PHASE THREE PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN
TRIAL-BALLOON ONLY. LOCAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, HOWEVER, WILL
DOUTLESS USE ANY SIGNS OF FURTHER DC FLEXIBILITY IN ROME ALONG
LINES OF MORO'S "PROGRAMMATIC CONVERGENCE" OR OTHER) AS GREEN LIGHT
FOR FURTHER, AND NUMERICALLY UNNECESSARY, DC GENEROSITY HERE.

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